

Abingdon - on -Thames Domestic Abuse Charter

The first Reducing the Risk Torchbearer Town

International Women's Day 2024

Town Hall even in Abbey Cinema

- Gaslight film
- Presentation on impact of DV from a number of local speakers
- Discussion

Feedback from meeting

Huge support for local strategy for town

- More education
- More information available in accessible places
- More face to face services
- Joined up network of services
- Services for men

Actions

- Informal working group of reps from NHS, police, faith, legal, social services, educational and by chance (?) mostly victim survivors and others
- Partnership with Reducing the Risk
- Support from South and Vale DA services
- Police commissioner (Wiltshire)
- Lord Lieutenant and deputies
- Faith groups

Next steps

- Development of Domestic Abuse charter
- Working with Reducing the Risk who will make us the first torchbearer town
- Launch June 19th

Prevention/ education

- Information campaign
- Web pages ATC with links to RtR sites
- Abingdon drama group have several plays
- School Heads signed up

Supportive (RtR)

- Better information available through campaigns “safe spaces”, local GPS, on line, Church in Abingdon etc
- Better webpages with telephone numbers etc
- One to one counselling drop ins run by RtR
- Face to face support groups
- On line “own my life “ course for survivors
- All to be evaluated
- Drop in spaces to be provided TAB, ATC, Carousel, community services, cinema
- Legal advice

Management

- Set up an action steering committee of ATC with all stakeholders to oversee ,monitor evaluate and refine